



THE EDINBURGH POSTNATAL DEPRESSION SCALE TRANSLATION – SOUTH AFRICA - ENGLISH

Full name:

_____ Date : _____

As you have recently had a baby, we would like to know how you are feeling now. Please underline the answer that comes closest to how you feel. Please choose an answer that comes closest to how you have felt in the past seven days, not just how you feel today.

For example, I have felt happy: Yes, all the time <u>Yes, most of the time</u> No, not very much No, not at all

This would mean: 'I have felt happy most of the time during the past week.'

In the past seven days:

1. I have been able to see the funny side of things:

As much as I always could Not quite so much now Definitely not so much now Not at all

2. I have looked forward with enjoyment to things:

As much as I ever did A little less than I used to Much less than I used to Hardly at all

3. I have blamed myself unnecessarily when things went wrong:

Yes, most of the time Yes, some of the time Not very much No, never

4. I have been worried for no good reason:

No, not at all Hardly ever Yes, sometimes Yes, very much 5. I have felt scared or panicky for no very good reason:

Yes, quite a lot Yes, sometimes No, not much No, not at all

6. Things have been getting on top of me:

Yes, most of the time I haven't been managing at all Yes, sometimes I haven't been managing as well as usual No, most of the time I have managed quite well No, I have been managing as well as ever

- 7. I have been so unhappy that I have had difficulty sleeping (not because of the baby): Yes, most of the time Yes, sometimes Not very much No, not at all
- I have felt sad and miserable: Yes, most of the time Yes, quite a lot Not very much No, not at all
- 9. I have been so unhappy that I have been crying:

Yes, most of the time Yes, quite a lot Only sometimes No, never

10. The thought of harming myself has occurred to me:

Yes, quite a lot Sometimes Hardly ever Never

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